

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

16834 U.S. PTO  
10/7/14363  
111703



Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR: Hiroyuki SENDA, Toshihiko FUKUOKA  
FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DECODING REED-SOLOMON CODE OR  
EXTENDED REED-SOLOMON CODE

Enclosed are:

48 pages of specification, claims, abstract.  
 Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
 Priority Claimed.  
 Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-066149  
 8 sheets of formal drawing.  
 An assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.  
 and the assignment recordation fee.  
 An associate power of attorney.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.  
 Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.  
 Return Receipt Postcard

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	24	-20	4	\$18.00	\$72.00
Independent Claims	2	-3	0	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$290.00
Basic Fee					\$770.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$1,132.00
Less ½ for Small Entity					\$0.00
Assignment & Recording Fee					\$40.00
Total Fee					\$1,172.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$1,172.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY



Michael E. Fogarty  
Registration No. 36,139

600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005-3096  
(202) 756-8000 MEF:tlb  
Facsimile: (202) 756-8087  
**Date: November 17, 2003**